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Period for Reply

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>09 May 2007</u>.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-19</u> is/are pending in the application.

　　4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-19</u> is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on <u>09 May 2007</u> is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

　　Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

　　Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

　　a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

　　　　1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

　　　　2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

　　　　3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

　　* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
　　Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
　　Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's Remarks

1.   Applicant amended the specification to overcome the rejection of claims 13-19 under 35

U.S.C. 101.   The objection to the drawings is moot, due to the amending of the specification and

Fig. 3. Rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is moot. Claims 1, 6, 7,

12, 13, and 17-19 have been amended. Claims 1-19 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the

basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed
> in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for
> patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an
> international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this
> subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United
> States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3.   **Claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by**

Godefroid et al (US Patent 6697840 B1), hereinafter "Godefroid".

            As to independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 19, Godefroid discloses providing a user status

message in an instant messaging system (Presence Awareness (PA) system), comprising:

            obtaining a user status message associated with an owner user (column 4 lines 43-44);

            sensing a user request to edit said user status message (column 4 lines 45-47,

column 5 lines 1-2 → Godefroid the presence information can be updated which will edit the

presence information to reflect the current state of the users, e.g. logged in or logged out);

providing a user interface for editing said user status message, wherein said editing

includes adding a new entry to said user status message (Fig. 3, column 8 lines 40-41, column 5

lines 1-10 → Godefroid teaches wherein the user can manually change his/her presence

information and Godefroid teaches that a screen saver reports the screens activity. When a user

has been inactive for a period of time a new status message of screen saver on will be

displayed/added);

inputting, through said user interface for adding said new entry to said user status

message, information to include within said new entry (column 5 lines 15-18); and

adding said new entry to said user status message, wherein said adding said new entry

includes inserting a time at which said new entry was added into said user status message

(column 5 lines 20-24).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in
> section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are
> such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person
> having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the
> manner in which the invention was made.

5.   **Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, 14, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being**

unpatentable over Godefroid in view of Pyra Labs (Blogger.com, website updated

12/02/2000), hereinafter "Blogger".

As to dependent claims 2, 8 and 14, Godefroid teaches adding a new entry. However Godefroid does not teach inserting a date at which said new entry was added into said user status message. Blogger teaches inserting a date when a new entry to a collaboration system has been added (Reference to the sample blogs provided on pages 4-7).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined blogging with the user status message of Godefroid to determine when the most recent usage of the user status message was edited.

As to dependent claims 3, 9, and 15, Godefroid teaches adding a new entry. However Godefroid does not teach inserting an identifier of a user associated with said request to edit said user status message. Blogger teaches inserting an identifier of a user associated with said request of a new entry (Reference to the sample blogs provided on pages 4-7).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined blogging with the user status message of Godefroid to give credit to the user who edited or added the new entry.

As for dependent claim 12, Godefroid teaches means for presenting an interface to said owner user associated with said user status message, wherein said interface enables said owner user to indicate at least one other user that is allowed to add an entry to said user status message and means for preventing users other than said at least one other user and said owner user associated with

said user status message from adding an entry to said user status message (column 3 lines 2-6, 35-57).

6.   **Claims 4-6, 10, 11, 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godefroid as modified by Blogger as applied to claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, 14, and 15 above, and further in view of Byford (IBM Technical Disclosure, "Creation of Web Pages for the Internet", August 1997), hereinafter "Byford".**

As to dependent claims 4, 10, and 16, Godefroid as modified by Blogger teaches user status message in an instant messaging system. However Godefroid as modified by Blogger does not teach detecting a character string having a predetermined format within said new entry and forming a link to a web page through said character having said predetermined format. Byford teaches detecting a character string having a predetermined format within said new entry and forming a link to a web page through said character having said predetermined format (3rd paragraph → Byford teaches using words or text to act as a hyperlink)

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the messaging system of Godefroid as modified by Blogger with the linking of Byford to allow web pages to be designed and put together without the need of knowledge on the part of the creator of Web page markup language and without the immediate need of a computer or other equipment.

As to dependent claim 5, 11, and 17, Blogger teaches creating a new web page on a predetermined server system responsive to said detecting said character string having a predetermined format within said new entry, wherein said link to said web page comprises a link to said new web page, and wherein said new web page is an user editable web page (page 1 and 2 → Blogger teaches using a link such as an existing blog to create a new blog that is editable by the user).

As to dependent claims 6 and 18, Godefroid teaches presenting an interface to said owner user associated with said user status message, wherein said interface enables said owner user to indicate at least one other user that is allowed to add an entry to said user status message and preventing users other than said at least one other user and said owner user associated with said user status message from adding an entry to said user status message (column 3 lines 2-6, 35-57).

Response to Arguments

7.   Applicant's arguments filed 05/09/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In regards to independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 19, the Applicant asserts that Godefroid does not teach a *user interface for editing a user status message*, or for a *user editing of the user status message that adds a new entry to the user status message.*

The Examiner disagrees. While Godefroid's invention does allow the operating system to automatically update the user's presence information, Godefroid points out numerous times

within his invention that the users presence information can be updated/edited/changed manually

by the user through a user interface (Fig. 3 reference character 302, column 4 lines 64-67,

column 8 lines 40-41). Therefore if the user wishes to update his/her presence information, they

are adding a new status, which can be one of login, logout, screensaver(on), and

screensaver(off).

In regards to depending claims 2-6, 8-12, and 14-18, they are supported by the primary

teachings of Godefroid in that a *user interface for editing a user status message*, or for a *user*

editing of the user status message that adds a new entry to the user status message as discussed

above.

Conclusion

8.   **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time

policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing

date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrea N. Long whose telephone number is 571-270-1055. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs 6:00 am to 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on 571-272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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